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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants received the Office Action dated March 21, 2005 in which the Examiner (1) rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph; (2) rejected claims 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over applicant's admission of prior art (AAPA) and Yamauchi (U.S. Pat. No. 5,835,952); (3) allowed claims 1-8; and (4) indicated that claims 14-16 would be allowed if amended to overcome the § 112 rejections. With this Response, Applicants amend claims 9. Based on the amendments and arguments contained herein, Applicants believe all claims to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants amend claim 9 to require that the static random access memory is function "before and at" system startup. The art of record does not teach or suggest this limitation. At least for this reason, claims 9-13 are allowable.

Applicants opt not to amend claim 14 to overcome the Examiner's § 112, second paragraph concerns. The Examiner contends it is not clear whether "which" refers to the static random access memory or the system power supply. Applicants believe that the claim clearly states that "remains active" refers to the system power supply.
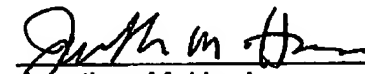
The Examiner also contends that the phrase "whenever AC power is supplied to the computer system" does not clearly refer to whether the system is ON or OFF. Applicants believe the Examiner is misreading this phrase. This limitation merely states that the system power supply remains active as long as "AC power is supply to the computer system." As the Examiner is no doubt aware, a computer system can be OFF even though the system is connected to an AC power source. The language of claim 14, however, does not limit whether the system is ON or OFF, but rather claim 14 states that the static random access memory is powered by a power supply that remains active as long as AC power is supplied to the system, regardless of whether the system is ON or OFF. Thus, even if the system is in an OFF state, the system power supply remains active and functions to power the static random access memory as claimed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees

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are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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